

Review:

**Lesson 1:** Life Begins w/Jesus

**Lesson 2:** In God's Image

**Lesson 3:** Abundant Life

## **Finding Hope** **Jeremiah 29:10-14**

*In the midst of the hopelessness this broken world often brings us, God reminds us that He still keeps \_\_\_\_\_ and that He still causes all things to work together for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose for them.*

**Discussion 1. Has there ever been a season or a circumstance where you relied on God's promises to get you through a situation where hope was low? Why is it important for us to know that God keeps His promises? How do you remind yourself of this?**

*Part of what it means to be human is that our Creator designed each of us for specific plans, and the struggles and hardships we go through are likewise designed to \_\_\_\_\_ and to equip us for those plans.*

**Discussion 2. Recall a season of struggle in your life and describe how God used it to make you better somehow. How did He (or might He) use it for some other specific purpose in your life?**

*God's design for us to walk in relationship with Him means His presence will be with us even during seasons of hopelessness if we are willing to seek Him with \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Discussion 3. What kinds of things might prevent us from seeking after God "with all our hearts"? How can you check your own heart in this regard, to see whether you are really seeking Him with all your heart?**

*Not only is God's story in scripture filled with individual stories of restoration, but the overarching narrative of the story is all about one big restoration of humanity to its Creator. God's heart is \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Discussion 4. What does the word "restoration" make you think about? Has God ever restored anything for you?**